

In The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for dispensing a free-flowing material, in ~~particular thermoplastic material~~, comprising

~~a frame,~~

a container for receiving the material,

a pump connected to ~~the~~ said container for conveying the material to a port connection from which the free-flowing material can be dispensed, wherein the said pump ~~has~~ having at least one rotatable pump element ~~that can be driven by and~~ a rotatable first drive shaft coupled to said pump element and rotatable about a first axis of rotation, and

a drive motor, and

a coupling ~~disposed~~ attached between the said first drive shaft and the said drive motor, ~~characterized in that the~~ said coupling is ~~radially being detachable, in relation to the rotational axis of the drive shaft, from the~~ said first drive shaft in a radial direction relative to the first axis of rotation of said first drive shaft for driving the pump.

2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, ~~or the generic part of claim 1, characterized in that the~~ further comprising a second drive shaft associated with said drive motor and attached to said coupling, said second drive shaft rotatable about a second axis of rotation, and said coupling is configured in such a

~~way that an axial offset and/or forming an angled offset between said respective~~
~~first and second axes of rotation is possible during operation between a shaft of the~~
~~drive motor and the drive shaft for driving the pump.~~

Claim 3 canceled.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, ~~or 2, characterized in that~~
the wherein said coupling has a ring element surrounding the said first drive shaft
~~for driving the associated with said pump,~~ said ring element comprising two ring
segments that are completely separable from each other.

5. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said ring
segments ~~3, characterized in that two half-rings~~ can be detachably attached to
each other.

6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims,~~ characterized in that the drive motor is further comprises an
electric motor with a gearbox coupled thereto ~~for reducing the rotational speed.~~

7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims,~~ characterized in that the pump further comprises is a gear pump
~~and is mounted on a pump block of the apparatus.~~

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a heater coupled with said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that heating means assigned to the container for melting the material stored in said container is provided in order to bring the material to a free-flowing state.~~

Claims 9 and 10 canceled.